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The European Supplementary Search Report, dated January 23 2006, was received from the European Patent Office in connection with the European patent application that corresponds to the present application.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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